



# LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

**To:** Chief Travis Forbes  
**From:** Major Mark Liebig  
**CC:** NA  
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**Re:** 2019 Biased Based Policing Analysis

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I have completed the analysis of the 2019 Biased Based Policing Statistics for the Lee's Summit Police Department. The analysis is a review of all sworn officer traffic stops and investigative vehicle stops with regard to minority contacts. The time range of the analysis was January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2018.

During the reporting period of 2019, Lee's Summit Police Officers conducted the total of 16,444 car stops. The total stops for 2019 decreased approximately 4% from 2018, or 634 fewer stops:

- White drivers accounted for 12,948 (76%) in 2018, in 2019 the number stayed virtually unchanged at 12,546 (76%);
- Black/African American drivers accounted for 3,338 (20%) in 2018, in 2019 the number decreased slightly to 3022 (18%);
- Asian drivers accounted for 114 (1%) in 2018, in 2019 the results were 124 (0.7%);
- Hispanic/Latino drivers accounted for 181 (1%) in 2018, in 2019 that number decreased to 152 (0.9%);
- American Indian/Alaskan Native drivers accounted for 14 (N/A) in 2018, in 2019 the number was 12 (.07%); and
- Other drivers accounted for 480 (2%) in 2018, in 2019 the number rose slightly to 588 (4%).
- Additionally, men accounted for 9,398 (57%) of stops while women 7,677 (43%) in 2018, in 2019 the total were men 8,668 (52%).

In total, in 2019 the number of minority drivers stopped by law enforcement to include the category of 'Other' dropped slightly from 2018 to 23.7% of traffic stops by Lee's Summit police officers. In recent years, the number of minority stops had a gradual but slowing increase. Not only did the number of minority stops decrease slightly in 2019, the department received no complaints of biased based policing for the year.

In order to compare current stop data to current demographics, information was retrieved from the U.S. Census Bureau indicating the following demographic breakdown for the City of Lee's Summit:

### **Lee's Summit City Population Demographics for 2019**

- Total Population – 99,618
- African American – 9.2%
- White – 87.8%
- All Other (Hispanic, Asian, Indian, Multi-race and Pacific Islander) – 3.4%

As we compare our contacts with the public to the demographics of our citizens, a good illustration of our city makeup may also be shown by the school district population compared to that data collected by the Census Bureau. According the Lee's Summit R-7 School District, the demographic breakdown of the student population is illustrated below. As we enter into 2020 and approach a new census, more accurate demographic data should be available for this comparison.

### **Lee's Summit R-7 Student Demographics for 2019**

- Total Student Population - 17,937
- African American - 13%
- White – 74%
- All Other (Hispanic, Asian, Indian, Multi-race and Pacific Islander) – 13%

Other factors that may be considered in reviewing our contacts is the ever growing amount of transitory population through the city as the city continues to add retail space and commercial businesses. Additionally, the city has multiple highway systems running through it which bring a large number of commuters into the city each day. This is illustrated clearly by the number of non-resident drivers stopped. In 2019, 7689 or 46.8% of drivers stopped were non-residents of Lee's Summit.

Additional information breaks down contacts by age:

Age:

Under 18 years old:	1,004
18 to 29 years old:	5,906
30 to 39 years old:	3,643
40 or over:	6,522

Additionally, through the year Operations Division Captains compete a quarterly report in order to review vehicle stop data. If any issues are discovered, the Division Captains then take appropriate measures to address them.

For the 2019 period, no patterns of biased-based policing were indicated in the Operations Division or among individual officers through quarterly reviews of stop data and this annual analysis. Data analysis and the absence of any complaints from citizens would support these findings.

Professionally,

  
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